

## CHAPTER VIII

# State Government

### *A Monthly Magazine of State Affairs*

IN December, 1925, the first issue of the pamphlet, "The American Legislator," was mailed to the 7,500 state legislators throughout the United States, and to several thousand other persons interested in state government. Publication was continued throughout 1926. During 1927 and 1928, publication was suspended, but in 1929 the pamphlet reappeared under the title "The Legislator." Its purpose was to disseminate news and comments concerning the American Legislators' Association and to develop an understanding of the organization.

For several years, however, the Association had been looking forward to the time when it could begin the development of a magazine intended to give legislators unbiased information on the many problems which they must face. With the publication of *State Government* in April 1929 this design was partially fulfilled.

#### *Editorial Policy*

Legislators are concerned not merely with the mechanics of lawmaking, but with the functioning of every department of the government of the state. Motivated by the desire to render greater service, *State Government* broadened its field, and in so doing automatically became valuable to other groups of state officials as well as to legislators.

*State Government* is compiled and edited by the Publications Division of the Central Secretariat. The Council of State Governments attempts at all times to maintain an impartial attitude toward questions of government. Material is presented as accurately as possible; facts are carefully checked; and the conclusion is then left to the reader. At no time is the magazine made the medium for propaganda for any one group. None of the articles are paid for, and the magazine is issued as a public service.

The editors are at all times interested in manuscripts relating to legislative subjects. Accordingly, they request and invite:

—*legislators* to submit their own manuscripts, and to keep the editors informed concerning other manuscripts which come to their attention.

—*directors of legislative reference bureaus and their assistants* to bear this magazine constantly in mind; to furnish the Council of State Governments with interesting material prepared by their respective bureaus; and to inform the editors whenever any interesting manuscripts come to their attention.

—*members of college faculties* to send manuscripts of their own production, and those written by their students. They are also urged to encourage the candidates for postgraduate degrees to write theses which they can summarize in the form of articles suitable for publication in "*State Government*."

—*librarians* to call attention to books, reports and magazine articles which are likely to prove helpful to state legislators.

—*and all other readers of this magazine* to assist the editors in securing material which will benefit state legislators in the solution of the many intricate problems with which they are concerned.

A page of this magazine contains about seven hundred words and the maximum length of articles published in it is six pages or about 4000 words. However, the editors prefer two-page and three-page articles—containing about 1500 or 2000 words.

#### *Recent Publications*

During the past year *State Government* has aided in the development of interest in both interstate and interlevel cooperation. To this end, several articles by officials whose programs depended in a large degree upon state and local cooperation were pub-

lished. In this classification were "Federal-State Coöperation in the Agricultural Conservation Program," by Henry W. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture; "Federal-State Coöperation in Problems of Interstate Motor Carriers and Brokers," by Paul G. Kauper, formerly Research Assistant at the University of Michigan Law School; and "A Method of Federal-State Action for Labor Legislation," by John A. Chambliss, former member of the Tennessee Senate. In the field of interstate coöperation such articles as the following have appeared: "Tax Compacts," by Mark Graves, President, New York State Tax Commission; "Crime and Punishment," by Philip Lutz, Jr., Former Attorney-General of Indiana; and "Security and Welfare," by Frank W. Goodhue, Director of Aid and Relief, Massachusetts.

Many tables are published from time to time which present in graphic form information which has not been summarized elsewhere. Many of these tables are reproduced in part two of this book.

Pages devoted to the work of each section of the Council of State Governments appear monthly and are prepared by the

editorial staff, who are selected for both their accuracy in research and their ability to present information in a straightforward manner.

Rapidly increasing recognition of State Government as an authoritative journal in its field is evidenced by the volume of direct quotations in newspaper and magazines, and by the fact that material from its pages is reproduced in both *The World Almanac* and *The Daily News Almanac* and numerous other digests.

"State Government" articles are indexed in the International Index to Periodicals, published by H. H. Wilson Company. The more pretentious articles are also summarized in the Legal Periodical Digest Service, prepared by the Commerce Clearing House. Since 1930, the articles in "State Government" have been indexed regularly in the Public Affairs Administration Service and in the Municipal Reference Library notes issued by the New York Public Library. The magazine is listed in the "Monthly Check List of State Publications" published by the division of documents of the Library of Congress.